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Dear Paul,

My purpose [illegible] is to [illegible] or [illegible] out to inform, for whatever informing can mean. I must be short because it is almost time to go for [illegible] and I have beginning the days' work at 5 a.m. again in order to [illegible] more [illegible] you will ultimately see to the government motion in [illegible]. Meanwhile, my old back trouble has been returning [illegible], [illegible] because of the difference in position between [illegible] at a regular desk and a portable on a table.

I've had separate phone conversations with Bob and Jim today. Bob has postponed [illegible] of two large CDs (one I think is 355, some 900 pp of [illegible] into re Ruby) until all other things are copied. They [illegible], the third is being [illegible], and there will be a fourth.

From [illegible] has [illegible] some 600 pages. [illegible] confirms my [illegible] fear, saying that much of it was of such a character it should not have been released, and [illegible].

Until I see it, I can't really have a valid opinion on what follows. I [illegible] on this. He is a lawyer. But I also think that we'll find as much as they dared release of what we'd indicated a disposition to push for. While they were [illegible] Ferrie they were simultaneously declassifying what they denied. There is some prospect of the same thing [illegible], from what Jim indicated he [illegible].

I hope [illegible] right about the letter. I am not happy if I am as right as I think about the first point. Further, at the risk of sounding like an ego, I'd like to encourage your confidence on what one can and does learn from living for as many years as I have in that kind of an environment, many at an age beginning earlier and extending past yours, working in it. Among us there is but another equipped by experience to have this kind of instinctive judgement that could reasonably expected to be dependable, Sylvia. Nothing takes the place of years, the unfortunate thing being the concomitant, nothing recaptures them, either.

Hurriedly,